Assistance from NRF for Undertakings in Gujarat

4144. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Gujarat has sent any proposal for assistance from National Renewal Fund for Central Government Undertakings for the year 1994-95;

(b) whether any assistance from NRF has been granted by the Central Government for the above Undertakings; and

(c) if so, how much amount of assistance has been sanctioned for the above period and released so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

National Automobile Policy

4145. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to frame a National Automobile Policy in the country;

(b) whether Government also propose to go in for major expansion of the automobile industry; and

(c) if so, what efforts have so far been made by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (c) Manufacture of all kinds of vehicles has been delicensed. There is no capacity constraint on setting up of new units or expansion of existing units in automobile sector. Import of technology is being permitted liberally. There is no proposal to frame a National Automobile Policy in the country at present.

Credits to PSUs

4146. SHRI K.R. MALKANI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to carry out disinvestment even in the prestigious PSUs as BHEL, HMT and HAL; and

(b) the reasons for which Government are not advancing necessary credits to, and placing the necessary orders with, these Undertakings which are basically sound but short of funds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SMT. KRISHNA SAHI): (a) and (b) Government propose to carry out disinvestment in profit making enterprises only unless they are excluded from disinvestment on specific requirements and availability of funds which are considered on merits and orders are placed wherever it is appropriate as per Government rules.

Implementation of Voluntary Retirement Scheme in Organised Private Sector

4147. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that voluntary retirement schemes (VRS) has been introduced in Public Sector Enterprises, if so, the names of such PSEs, number of employees expected by each of them to retire under VRS and the number of employees actually retired since introduction of the scheme upto 30th June. 1994;

(b) whether Government have also been encouraging VRS scheme in the industries in the organised sector under private management;

(c) if so, the details of the measures to facilitate implementation of VRS scheme by the industries in private sector;

(d) whether Government have estimated the number of persons who